

REMARKS

Previously pending claims 287-345 have been allowed. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has renumbered claims 287-345 to claims 1-59, respectively. However, in compliance with the revised amendment practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, which requires a claim listing every claim presented in the application whether entered or not, Applicants have retained in this amendment the previously presented claim numbers of the present application.

New dependent claims 346-349 (which Applicants assume would, if entered, be renumbered as claims 60-63) have been added to more distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. These dependent claims are added herein to further define aspects of Applicants' invention and, thus, do not, in any way, narrow the scope of any of the allowed claims. Further, as such, the dependent claims have not been added for any reason related to patentability. These claims are supported in the specification. For example, Applicants invite the Examiner's attention to the specification at page 31, lines 26-29 -- "Preferred monoclonal antibodies which preferentially bind to $\alpha_v\beta_3$ include a monoclonal antibody having the immunoreaction characteristics of Mab LM609, secreted by hybridoma cell line ATCC HB 9537." and page 41, lines 22-25 -- "Monoclonal antibody LM609 has been shown to immunoreact with $\alpha_v\beta_3$ complex, and not immunoreact with α_v subunit, with β_3 subunit, or with other integrins." As such, claims 346-349 are fully supported by the specification and no new matter is introduced.

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully request approval and entry of the above amendments. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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